

Commercial/Industrial Sector Grant Program Makes \$2 Million Available for Energy Efficiency Projects

Conserving Hoosier Industrial Power (CHIP) Program Will Fund Conservation Measures In Commercial/Industrial Sector

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(Indianapolis)—Lt. Governor Becky Skillman has announced a new grant program that makes \$2 million available for energy efficiency upgrades to commercial or industrial facilities in Indiana. The program is called CHIP—Conserving Hoosier Industrial Power. The competitive program will make grants between \$50,000 and \$400,000 available for the installation of energy conservation measures.

The CHIP program is funded through federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and is administered through the Indiana Office of Energy Development, which Lt. Governor Skillman oversees. Applications for the grant must be received by July 16, 2010.

“Our biggest energy consumers are in the commercial/industrial sector”, said Brandon Seitz, Director of the Office of Energy Development. “It makes sense that conservation measures implemented in this sector will have the largest impact on reducing our dependence on foreign energy sources. The CHIP program will help Hoosier companies find ways to be more energy efficient.”

Eligible project technologies include lighting, lighting controls/sensor, chillers, furnaces, boilers, heat pumps, building insulation, windows, doors, energy management systems/controls, compressed air, pumps, and motors. Eligible applicants include commercial entities with project facilities of at least 30,000 sq ft and annual energy costs in excess of \$30,000 and industrial users with minimum annual energy costs of \$100,000.

The application period is now open. Grant Guidelines and other information regarding the online application process are available at www.Energy.IN.gov. The application process must be completed by 5:00pm EDT on July 16, 2010

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